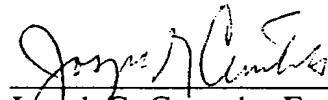


REMARKS

The present patent application is a national stage patent application of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/002254 filed March 5, 2004, which claims priority from Patent Application No. JP 2003-100709, filed April 3, 2003, from which applications the present application claims priority.

Additionally, please note that a Notification of Decision Concerning Request for Rectification PCT/ISA/217 (Notice) is included with the application papers. The Notice corrects inconsistencies in the formulae as published in WO 2004/087602 A1. The Specification document as filed in this present application contains the correct formulae. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments before the fees are calculated. The claims are amended merely to reduce the claim number by removing multiple dependencies and to place claims in proper U.S. format and Applicants earnestly solicit a formal Notice of Allowance directed to claims 1-20.

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